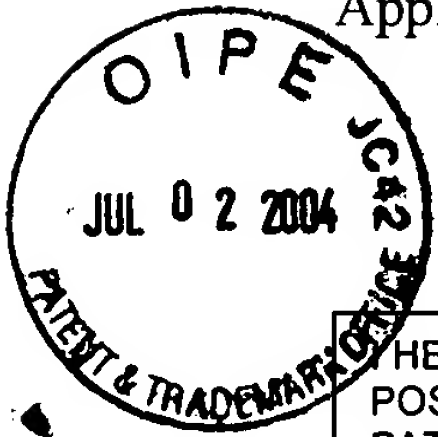


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REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004, the applicants respectfully request a new office action. The applicants submitted a preliminary amendment on October 19, 2001 with the filing papers of the application (see enclosed copy). The preliminary amendment cancelled claims 1-4. The preliminary amendment redrafted the claims into proper U.S. form. The applicants believe that the preliminary amendment overcomes the rejections made in the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09086-00179-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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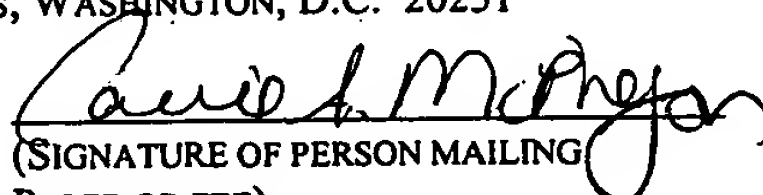
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 39-42 and insert the following:

- - US-A 5,384,299 describes zwitterionic catalyst systems prepared by protolysis from dialkyl-metallocene compounds and salts of the formula $[R_3NH]^+$ $[B(C_6F_5)_4]^-$. C-H Activation as subsequent reaction does not occur here. - -

See Appendix I for the changes. The term underlined was added to the specification and the term bracketed was canceled from the specification.

In the Claims